



# THE GREELEY TRANSITIONAL HOUSE

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(970) 352-3215

*Helping homeless families help themselves*



August 28, 2006

Justin Sasso  
1310 KFKA Newstalk  
820 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Greeley, CO 80631

Dear Justin,

Thank you so much for 1310 KFKA Newstalk's in-kind advertising sponsorship of our new Summer Fest! Special Event on August 19. With the help of KFKA's \$1,200 in-kind donation, we were able to raise over \$11,000 to fund general operations of the Greeley Transitional House (GTH).

As you know, GTH is a homeless shelter for families. We not only provide temporary emergency shelter, but also assist these families in getting back on their feet by finding permanent housing and employment. The proceeds from this event will enable us to continue to provide these vital services to the community, and your sponsorship played an important role in not only supporting the event financially but also with your respected corporate presence.

Thank you again for your valuable support!

Sincerely,

Travis Gillmore  
President

Jodi Hartmann  
Executive Director

Justin -

*Thanks for your support  
of GTH over the years. Let  
me know if you ever want  
to come back on the board.*



Justin Sasso  
KFKA  
820 11 Ave.  
Greeley, Co. 80631

Dear Justin:

On behalf of the Colorado Blues Society, thank you for your participation in the 2007 Greeley Blues Festival. We have received universally positive feedback about every aspect of the festival. Performers applauded our organization and want to come back; our sponsors were very pleased; and, mostly importantly, the audience is geared up to join us again in 2008. They say that the "third time is a charm" and we believe our festival has reached the place where it has gained national, state and local attention.

Putting on a Blues festival of this size and scope requires a great deal of participation from a wide range of individuals and organizations. We truly appreciate your support of the Colorado Blues Society and the Greeley Blues Festival. Our mission has been, and will always be, to support and preserve this unique American art form - Blues music.

We have already begun planning for the 2008 festival on June 14th, 2008. We hope that you will again consider supporting us in this great event. A portion of the proceeds of this festival help support the primary focus of our non profit society - providing Blues In The Schools programming to schools across the state.

Thanks again for your invaluable contribution. We gratefully acknowledge your gift of \$2500 in-kind marketing.

Please call me if you would like to discuss how you might help us as we plan for next year.

Sincerely,

Pam Bricker  
Sponsor Chair  
Greeley Blues Festival  
970-356-1684 daytime



July 23, 2007

Mt. Justin Sasso  
Sponsor Organization  
1310 KEKA  
820 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Greeley, CO 80631

Dear Justin,

The mothers of AdoptaPlatoon cannot begin to express our heartfelt thanks for the contribution you have made on behalf of our U.S. deployed Troops. The work that you have done with Karen and Carl and everyone standing behind the Troops in Northern Colorado has been phenomenal. All the mothers who manage the AAP send you our words of "thanks" for your patriotic spirits and big heart. And as the icing on the cake, we won the float competition! How cool is that? This could not have been possible without you.

Your support on behalf of our Nation's heroes could never be repaid. You are without a doubt among those who defend the freedoms of our country. Thank you!

Sincerely,

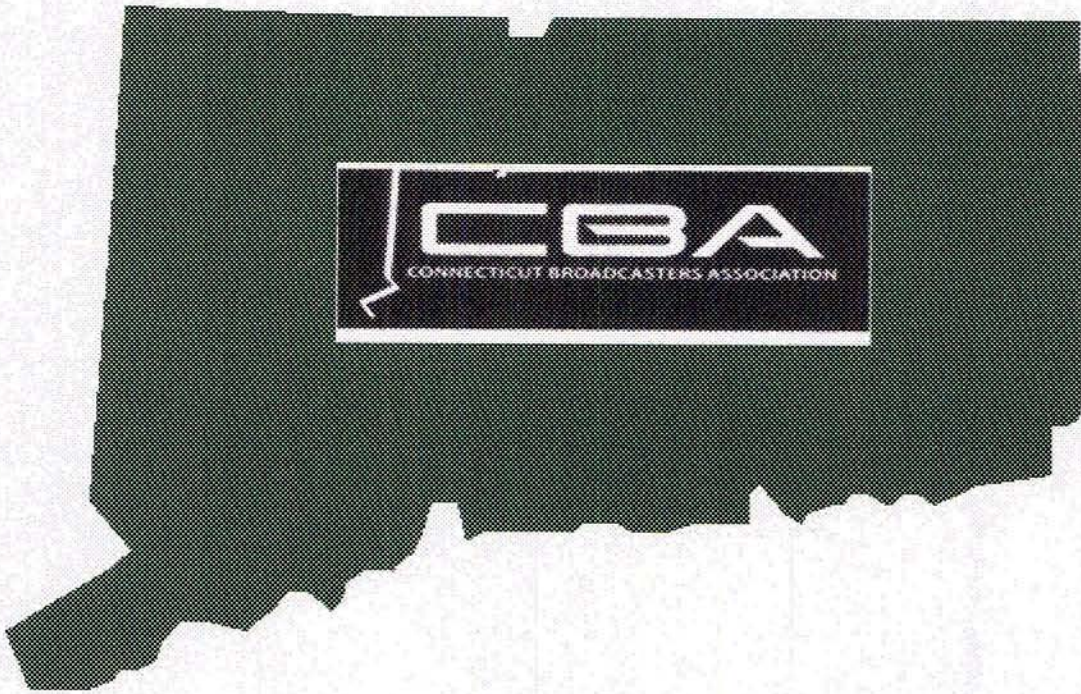
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No one should pass an American in uniform without saying "Thank You we are grateful," always mindful that they are prepared to risk all their dreams so that all of us can reach ours. -- Wm. Cohen

# Connecticut



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3/20/08

TO: Mike Rice  
FR: Gary Osbrey  
RE: WINY Community Service

Mike,

In December of 2007, we once again aired our "WINY Radio Food Chain" fundraiser.

Here's how it works:

We run a PSA asking businesses and individuals to join our Food Chain by making a contribution to either Daily Bread, the food bank which serves Putnam, Woodstock and Pomfret, or TEEG, which serves the greater Thompson area. We ask for a minimum donation of \$50.00. As the donations come in, we update the PSA and thank the donors. The PSA is updated every day and the list of donors gets bigger and bigger. The PSA also gets longer and by the end of the campaign, the PSA is two minutes long. We run the PSA once per hour 24/7. People donate because it's a good cause and they like to hear their name on the air. This is the third year of the campaign and we raised \$13,190 this year.

Sincerely,

OSBREY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Gary W. Osbrey  
President

From WTNH TV, New Haven, CT

## INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS OF GRADE MANIPULATION LEADS TO INVESTIGATIONS AND CHANGE IN SCHOOL PRACTICE

When WTNH TV's award-winning investigative reporter Alan Cohn began looking into allegations that one school district was manipulating the grades of students to make the district's performance look better on paper—it triggered an investigation by the state's attorney general into the practice at a number of schools across the state and a call for change by the state's Department of Education.

In May of 2007, News Channel 8's Cohn presented a series of special reports in which the station had uncovered evidence that some teachers in the North Branford (CT) school district had been pressured to change student's grades from failing to passing at the end of previous school years. In some cases these changes were made after report cards had been printed.

A confrontation with the school superintendent first produced a denial to the claims of grade manipulation, but ultimately the superintendent got into his car and drove off from reporter Cohn after being shown evidence that the manipulation had taken place. After our first report aired, the school district launched what it called an "internal review" of the situation, allowing the superintendent to hire a law firm that often does business with the school district to review the matter. But Connecticut's Attorney General Richard Blumenthal expressed concern over the integrity of the district investigating itself, and launched his own investigation into the evidence uncovered in the WTNH report.

Later follow-up reports included an interview with a North Branford High School principal who revealed that he had told investigators from the state's Attorney General that he had first hand knowledge of the problem and had been directed by the superintendent to change grades issued by classroom teachers.

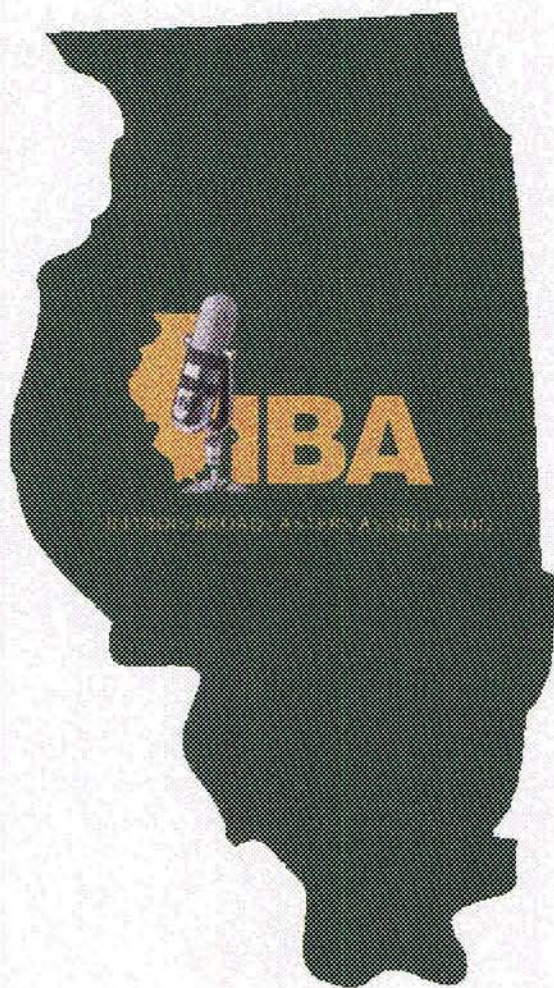
The series of reports led to revelations that teachers in at least two other Connecticut school districts felt that they were also subjected to pressure to change grades for marginal students or to provide "extra work for credit" opportunities, so that grades could be artificially inflated to make schools appear to have a better performance record.

The Attorney General's on-going investigation was joined the state's Board of Education in late 2007. The board of education has promised to establish standards for grade reporting and the integrity of those grades for all schools across the state before the 2008-09 school year.

WTNH and reporter Cohn continue their investigation and will follow the story as it progresses during 2008.

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# Illinois



Illinois Broadcasters Association

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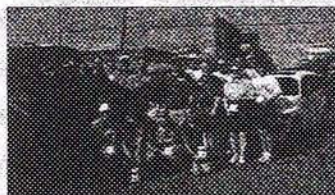
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**ROCK**  
98.9

## Dedicated to Community Service

Radio Bloomington has an unparalleled commitment to serving the local community. Through the years, our stations have raised money for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund in the days following September 11, 2001, have organized 1,352 people into a Human Flag to commemorate the one-year anniversary of 9-11, raised more than \$147,000 for the survivors of Hurricane Katrina, helped to organize a community-wide welcome home celebration for the 33rd Military Police Battalion upon their return from a tour of duty in Iraq, delivered Christmas gifts to more than 6,500 needy people at Christmastime in one day, and filled more than 7 semis full of food for the Clare House over the course of 3 weeks. These are just some of the many examples of how Radio Bloomington stays visible in the Bloomington-Normal community. The following is only a partial list of other community-focused events sponsored by Radio Bloomington stations.

All Year	United Way Pacesetter Company	Radio Bloomington
All Year	McLean County Compact Member	Radio Bloomington
All Year	Illinois State University RESF Member	Radio Bloomington
February	WJBC Children's Radio Auction	WJBC
February	Women's Health Night	Radio Bloomington
April	Sponsorship of Lake Run Club's Lake Run	Radio Bloomington
April	Sponsorship of Red Cross Evening of Stars	WJBC, WBNQ, B104
June	Sponsorship of Live by the Lake for Easter Seals	WJBC
June	Sponsorship of St. Jude Men's Golf Outing	Radio Bloomington
June	Sponsorship of Cop on Top for Special Olympics	B104
June	Sponsorship of Relay for Life	Radio Bloomington
July	Sponsorship of St. Jude Women's Golf Outing	Radio Bloomington
July	WJBC-Spirit of McLean County Skyconcert	WJBC
July	Sponsorship of Red Cross Heroes Breakfast	WJBC
August	Sponsorship of Bloomington to Peoria St. Jude Run	WJBC
August	Sponsorship of Day of the Dozer Fundraiser	Radio Bloomington
August	Sponsorship of Ronald McDonald Charities Golf Outing	WJBC
September	Sponsorship of American Heart Walk	WJBC
September	Sponsorship of Diabetes Walk	Radio Bloomington
September	Sponsorship of the Jaycees International Beer Festival	Radio Bloomington
October	Sponsorship of Boys & Girls Club Bowl for Kids Sake	Radio Bloomington
October	Sponsorship of Dance for the Cure (Komen Foundation)	Radio Bloomington
November	Clare House Food Drive	B104
November	Sponsorship of Baby Fold's Festival of Trees	Radio Bloomington
December	WJBC Brotherhood Tree Gift Program	WJBC
December	WJEZ Families in Need Fund	WJEZ
December	Sponsorship of Toys for Tots Program	WBNQ, B104
December	Sounds of Christmas Program	WJBC



The Radio Bloomington staff walks in the 2005 Labor Day Parade, collecting money for Hurricane Katrina Relief



Colleen Reynolds sorts gifts for the WJBC Brotherhood Tree



Food collected from the B104 Clare House Food Drive piles up



Radio Bloomington's Voice Your Vote campaign in 2004 increased McLean County voter registration 400% compared to the 2000 Presidential election



Students rally, dropping off donations at the September 11th fundraiser in 2001

WQRL-LOCALISM

LIVE BROADCAST OF LOCAL, NATIONAL AND CNN NEWS

LIVE WEATHER AND UPDATES OF CLIMATIC CHANGES

AFTERNOON DELIGHT REQUEST SHOW LIVE.

SATURDAY MORNING SPORTS TALK WITH JIM AND DANNY

WEEKLY SOUND OFF SHOW WITH CALL INS FOR PUBLIC OPINIONS WITH JIM MUIR

LIVE BROADCAST OF LOCAL SPORTS, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL.

PARTICIPATION IN AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATIONS' HEART WALK

PARTICIPATION IN RELAY FOR LIFE –AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

HAND IN HAND FOUNDATION-CANCER RESEARCH & COMMUNITY PROJECTS

CELEBRITY WAITERS DINNER FOR THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

CASA OF FRANKLIN COUNTY –COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

OPERATION HOME FRONT MEDIA SPONSOR FOR CURRENT TROOPS AND VETERANS

BEAUTY MAKEOVER FOR WOMEN

LIVE BROADCAST FOR FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS CONCERT.

WMCL-LOCALISM

CUZIN EDDIE 'S SHOW LIVE WEEKDAY SHOW

VERN'S OLD CLASSIC COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW

AUNT EDNA'S EMPORIUM TRADE SHOW

LIVE NEWS AND WEATHER

WISH – LOCALISM

LIVE BROADCAST OF LOCAL SPORTS

LIVE NEWS BROADCAST

WNSV-LOCALISM

LIVE NEWS AND WEATHER COVERAGE

WNSV-CONT'D

LIVE BROADCAST OF LOCAL SPORTS INCLUDING GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

BROADCAST THE GATEWAY GRIZZLIES GAMES

DAILY WASHINGTON COUNTY REPORTS AND CLINTON COUNTY REPORTS

WRXX-LOCALISM

LIVE NEWS AND WEATHER

THREE GUYS AND A MIC SPORTS SHOW



**THE BEST COUNTRY IN THE COUNTRY**

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Here's my one page about WGEL FM 101.7 public service to our Community: I've pared the list down to include 47- ten minute Greenville and Bond County newscasts, produced locally usually with newsmaker interviews, eleven 4 minute Clinton County News and Information and eleven 4 minute Highland Illinois News and Information programs. Weekly 15 minute public affairs, 5 weekly local business reports, 16 locally produced farm broadcasts and market reports weekly, plus 46 Farm market reports from the Illinois Farm Bureau and Dairy Line weekly. Plus Monday to Friday a half hour daily farm program also from the Illinois Farm Bureau. WGEL broadcast over 60 play by play High School Football and Basketball games. Each month we send reporters to cover at least 13 local meetings including City Council, and County Board. WGEL broadcasts at least one Public Service announcement per hour 24/7.

How do I know what's important to our Community? Well I serve on 3 local boards including the Chamber of Commerce board, the Greenville College and Greenville Federal Correctional Institution Community boards. I belong and attend regular meetings of the Greenville Commercial Club and Lions club, I'm also a member of the American Legion and the VFW and the Greenville Country Club and the Catholic Church. I've served several terms as President of the Commercial Club, The Chamber of Commerce and the Lions club. I cover the Greenville City Council, the Kingsbury Park district, the Greenville Planning and Zoning board meetings for our local news casts. My wife Eleanor and I live in an apartment above the radio station and we personally broadcast emergencies at all hours. In our 23 years of serving our Community about dozen tornado's including 6 in one day have visited Greenville but thanks to the national weather service and WGEL none of them were a surprise to our listeners. At least twice a week I have lunch at LuBob's diner and there converse with the people who drive the trucks, milk the cows and pour the concrete, they often have interesting views of what's important to the community. In the big world of Greenville, Illinois pop. 7,200 there's lots to cover, we can't get it all but we're trying.

My page is full, thanks for reading  
John Kennedy Owner Operator WGEL FM 101.7

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John Kennedy'.



## **WLS-TV/ABC 7 CHICAGO--COMMUNITY COMMITMENT**

WLS-TV, the most watched television station in Chicago, attributes this viewer loyalty to ongoing local news, programming and community outreach efforts. WLS-TV has forged strong relationships with the diverse audience it serves including African American, Hispanic, Asian and disabled communities, among others. It's commitment to localism is apparent to those who watch the station--WLS-TV boasts 33 hours of local news coverage and more local programming than any other TV station in the market.

For close to two decades, WLS-TV has earned a reputation as Chicago's debate station, helping area voters make better and more informed choices by televising important political debates. In January 2008, WLS-TV continued the tradition by providing the first and only televised debate of the six candidates vying for victory in the Cook County State's Attorney Democratic primary race. As with its other debates in past years, WLS-TV partnered with the League of Women Voters and provided the public service of airing the "Race for Cook County State's Attorney Debate" commercial free.

Media coverage of Chicago school children dying violent deaths became a recurring story on Chicago newscasts. When a heroic Chicago high school student was gunned down on a CTA bus, many Chicagoans were outraged and called for action. WLS-TV recognized this issue needed greater scrutiny than could be given during evening newscasts, and provided a forum for community leaders, victims' families and law enforcement agents to talk about what could be done to stem the tide of violence. As a result, WLS-TV aired two half-hour specials bringing attention to an important community dialogue. **STOP THE VIOLENCE: A SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS** and the follow-up special, **STOP THE VIOLENCE: LESSONS & ALTERNATIVES** aired commercial free.

Earlier in the year, ABC 7 identified the need for a town hall discussion on the escalating incidences of violence against woman and girls. "WHAT WILL IT TAKE?" an hour-long special produced in conjunction with the Chicago Foundation for Women, explored the many critical issues relating to violence against women with an eye toward educating the public and helping make Illinois a safer state for women.

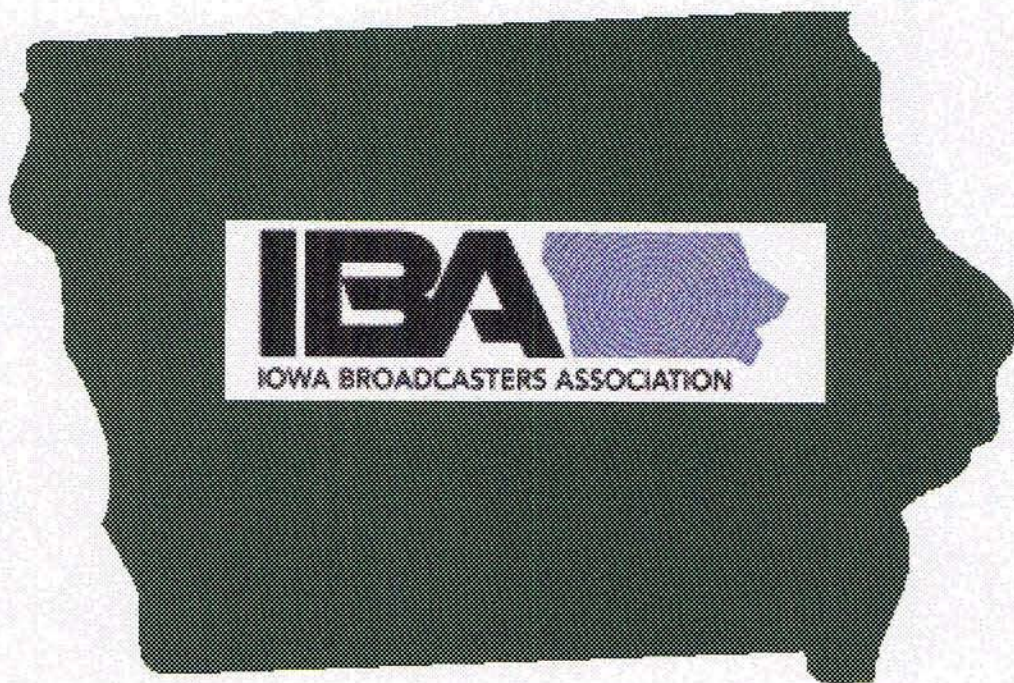
For five consecutive years, WLS-TV and the Chicago Fire Department have teamed up to get the word out on fire safety and prevention with their **OPERATION SAVE-A-LIFE** campaign. Not only has the station aired fire safety public service announcements but has taken the campaign directly into the community. ABC 7 President and General Manager Emily Barr, the station's morning news team and Fire Commissioner Raymond Orozco have visited Chicago schools and senior centers to talk about fire safety and help pass out 15,000 smoke detectors to those who need them the most. The Chicago Fire Department credits WLS-TV for helping make 2007 one of the lowest years for fire fatalities in the history of Chicago.

In addition to garnering a reputation for airing candidate debates, ABC 7 takes pride in being Chicago's parade station as well. Each year, WLS-TV provides

**live broadcasts and participates in the most important community-based parades, celebrating Chicago's ethnic pride, cultural heritage and diversity. In 2007, WLS-TV was out in the community, producing and broadcasting ten local parades.**

**These are only a few examples of WLS-TV's steadfast commitment to the community it serves and the reason more Chicago viewers turn to WLS-TV than any other local station in the city.**

Iowa



Iowa Broadcasters Association

**IOWA**



KIMT's 11th annual *Giving Your Best Family Fair* was held on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Southbridge Mall in Mason City, IA. The Mall was packed with over 4,000 people on Saturday for a very informational and enjoyable day in North Iowa.

There is no cost for exhibitors at the Family Fair. Each year KIMT offers the Family Fair as an opportunity for local non-profits and businesses to have a free forum to educate people about their services. The thirty-four exhibitors donated their time and resources to provide a fun day while educating people about local non-profit organizations and businesses that help those in need.

The only requirement was that the booth somehow interacted with children and had a game, craft, or activity for the children to do. Some of the activities included; getting a tattoo, coloring pictures, making sand art, puzzles, finger painting, a fishing game, petting kittens and puppies, and even making a hat out of a newspaper. There was also a magic show to watch, a number of games, two inflatable toys, a clown, free pudding and getting Kid ID kits!

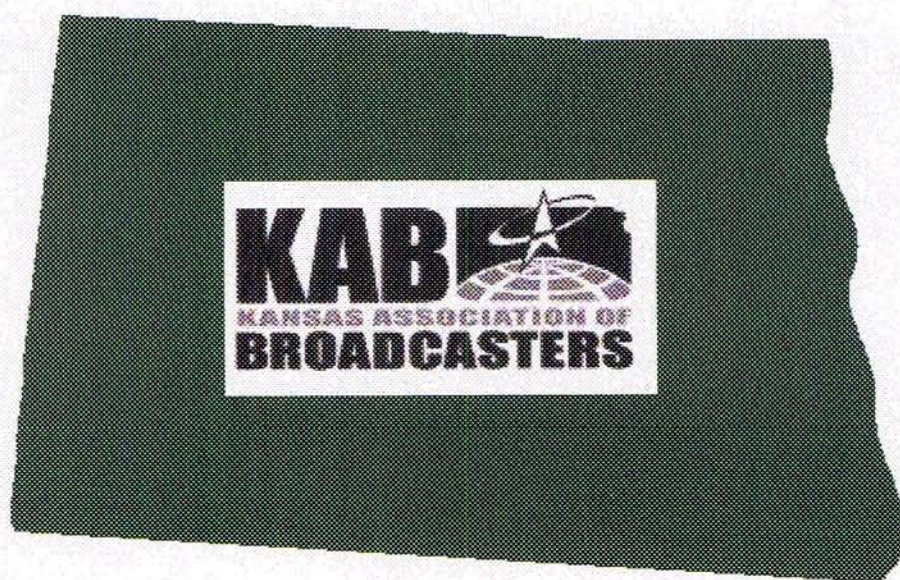
For the adults, KIMT's staff display and answered questions about digital television.

This one of a kind family event, which was organized and implemented by KIMT-TV, provided a fun, safe environment for children and their families to learn, discover, and share some time with helpful local organizations can help families in need.

KIMT's *Giving Your Best* program has been ongoing since 1997. Three "community partners" join us each year, helping us keep the program focused to the needs of our viewing community. The *Giving Your Best* partners meet each month to plan programs and events to enabling us to act as a catalyst for positive change in North Iowa and Southern Minnesota!

**Steve Martinson**  
**President/General Manager**  
**KIMT-TV**  
**Mason City, Iowa**  
**New Vision Television**  
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# Kansas



Kansas Association of Broadcasters

**KANSAS**

**From:** Joe Jindra [jejnck@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 17, 2008 6:01 PM  
**To:** Kent Cornish  
**Subject:** RE: Localism letters

**KNCK-KCKS-FM, Concordia, Kansas, has 30 or more local news interviews each week. We also air five weekly Chamber of Commerce reports from Concordia and four other area communities, 28 Community Calendar weekly interviews about upcoming events, five talk shows during morning drive including a public affairs program, interviews with extension agents, a library report, museum report, a 20 minute interview about an upcoming community events, plus a weekly economic development report. Other KNCK/KCKS-FM localism features include Coaches Corner featuring high school coaches and student athletes, seasonal race track results, Concordia Ministerial Association Devotional Thoughts., a monthly roundtable of city, county, community college, and school officials, live play by play of approximately 50 high school ballgames, live local election night results from our courthouse, and much more.**

Joe Jindra



## **Dream Factory**

The Greater Kansas City Dream Factory is an all-volunteer organization that grants the wishes and dreams of sick and disabled youngsters in the Kansas City community.

Shortly after the Dream Factory was formed in 1985, KMBC-TV9 became the organization's media partner and news anchor Larry Moore became media spokesman for the organization as well as a board member and volunteer.

In those 23 years, the Dream Factory has granted the dreams of more than 5,000 youngsters between the ages of three and 18. Children have been able to go to Disneyworld, go on shopping trips, meet famous actresses and actors, get backyard playground equipment, go on exotic trips, dine with major league baseball and football stars, among other things. So often a dream gives a child the hope and encouragement the child needs to persevere, recover from their illness, and go on to lead very productive lives.

As media partner with the Dream Factory, Channel 9 televises Dream Factory segments on KMBC Nine News at 5 each Friday when Larry Moore spotlights a child who has received a dream come true. Channel 9 also provides free on-air time so the Dream Factory can promote its major fund-raising events including its Birthday Anniversary Gala each May, Kansas City Royals Dream Factory Day each April, its annual Corvette give-a-way campaign, the Dream Factory Tractor Cruise in May, and the NFL Alumni Golf Classic Weekend in July.

In the words of Dream Factory volunteer president, Gavin Steketee, "There is no way the Dream Factory could achieve the successes and profile that it enjoys without the generous commitment of KMBC-TV and news anchor Larry Moore."

## **Child Search**

Child Search is a feature that began airing on KMBC over ten years ago. Every weekend a missing child, in many cases from our own area, is featured along with a description in hopes of receiving useful tips from the viewing public. The segment airs every Saturday night during the 10 pm newscast. In the past ten years, viewers have helped recover 230 missing children. A child is recovered every couple of months, and when they are, we do a recovery story thanking the viewers for their help in bringing another child home.

This program is in conjunction with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, and recently KMBC was honored for its ten-year commitment to the program. I have included a letter from Craig Hill, National Director for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, which describes the award and the reasons for it.

Kent:

WIBW produced a variety of special events, campaigns and coverage in support of community activities. While we produced special coverage for more than 100 different charities and organizations, here are some of the major efforts we donated:

1. Helping Hands Humane Society-- 30-minute prime-time program on problems at the current shelter, \$2,500 of weekly PSAs, and a three-hour telethon that raised \$103,000.
2. Big Brothers, Big Sisters-- Two 30-minute prime-time programs and PSAs.
3. ArtsConnect-- 30-minute prime-time special on regional arts efforts.
4. Topeka Civic Theatre and Academy-- \$5,000 in PSAs per show.
5. Cedar Crest-- One Hour prime-time special on the history of the Governor's Mansion and how it is privately funded.
6. Mana de Topeka-- \$5,000 in PSAs supporting Hispanic Women in Business.
7. Fiesta Mexicana-- \$25,000 in PSAs, multiple LIVE newscasts, special videos supporting the largest Hispanic festival in our area.
8. Sunflower State Games-- \$20,000 in PSAs, major program segments on diet and exercise.

We are committed to the following special prime-time efforts the next three months:

1. Helping Hands Humane Society— Three hour telethon in primetime.
2. Sumner School Restoration-- 30-minute special and PSAs.
3. Big Brothers, Big Sisters-- \$10,000 in PSAs
4. Red Cross-- 30-minute special on disaster preparedness and \$15,000 in PSAs
5. Let's Help-- 30-minute special on homelessness in our area and how it is being attacked.

Jim

Jim Ogle General Manager WIBW Channels



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Kentucky



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**KENTUCKY**

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## High schools

## Leading L.A. rusher changing course

UCLA's firing of Dorrell has Birmingham's Knox taking another look.

By Jim Halley  
USA TODAY

Milton Knox began attracting the attention of college football coaches four years ago.

"He has such a great passion for the game, he jumps off the screen on the field," said Birmingham (Lake Balboa, Calif.) coach Ed Croson. "All 10 coaches who were at our practices when he was in the ninth grade all wanted to know who he was."

There have been a lot of great running backs to come out of Los Angeles, including Freeman McNeil and Anthony Davis, but Knox rushed for more yards in high school than any of them. He broke a 13-year city record several weeks ago when he surpassed 5,446 yards and is still going as Birmingham, No. 17 in the USA TODAY Super 25 rankings, plays Carson for the city title Friday.

Now the question is: What college? Knox gave a verbal commitment to UCLA, but after coach Karl Dorrell was fired, Knox plans to visit Florida and Notre Dame. "The stars are firing," Croson says. "It's a free market."

With Knox in the backfield, the Patriots have won two city titles the past three seasons. This season, he's rushed for 2,031 yards and 36 TDs in 13 games. Though he's listed at 5-10, he's closer to 5-8, and his speed hasn't wowed scouts. Of course, a lack of height and speed were the knocks on Emmitt Smith, when he came out of Escondido (Pensacola, Fla.) 21 years ago.

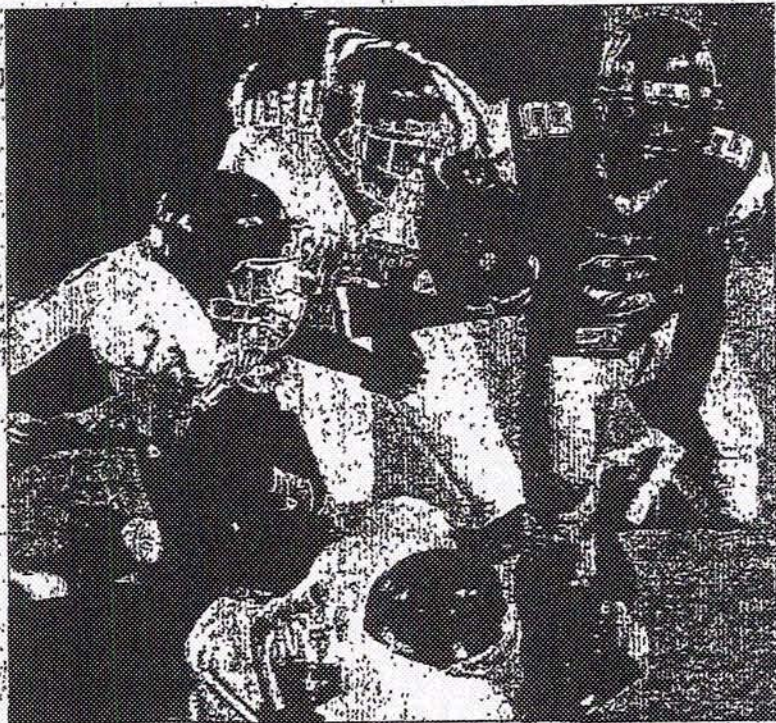
"I can't imagine a better back," Croson said. "He keeps his feet and always gains yards. He's a lot like Emmitt Smith. You can say he's not that fast, but no one can catch him. He's going to beat you in a race to the end zone."

Another big-time recruit who may be wavering is Patrick Johnson, considered the nation's top defensive back recruit out of Ely (Pompano Beach, Fla.). Once considered a solid commitment to Miami (Fla.), Johnson is now also looking at Florida and Florida State.

Miami finished its season 5-7 under first-year coach Randy Shammon.

At least a few recruits appear to be sticking with the Hurricanes for now.

According to *The Miami Herald*, Sean Spence, a linebacker, for No. 1 Miami Northwestern, plans to stay with his commitment even though he's being recruited hard by Tennessee and North Carolina. Two other receivers for No. 8 Booker T. Washington (Miami), Davon Johnson and Thearon Collier, also said they plan to honor their commitments to the Hurricanes.



Different direction: Milton Knox, right, is one of several high school stars who made verbal commitments to colleges but have had second thoughts.

## Super 25 rankings

The first regular-season boys and girls USA TODAY Super 25 high school basketball rankings come out next week. The boys' rankings will appear Tuesday and the girls' Wednesday. The final Super 25 football rankings will run Dec. 26.

**Long-distance receiving:** When Fort Campbell plays Newport Central Catholic for the Kentucky Class 2A title at Cardinal Stadium in Louisville on Saturday, 12 of the players' parents will be listening intently even though they're stationed in Iraq with the 101st Airborne Division. They'll be listening via the Internet to a broadcast by radio stations WKDZ-FM and WHVO-AM.

"We've gotten some great feedback from parents and fans about it," said WKDZ's Jay Marchion, who will be a sideline reporter. "Knowing we have people listening who won't even be able to read about the game in the paper has definitely caused a change in how we broadcast it. We try to make sure we paint a picture."

Fort Campbell has almost 14,000 military personnel, with almost half of them deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan. Most of the players' parents who are away got to see the team's first three games before the cancellation.

they were sent overseas.

"This isn't the first deployment that my kids have been through," said Rhonda Weliver, the school's athletics director. "It's the second. They're adapting a little better this time."

**Charlotte uproar:** South Mecklenburg (Charlotte) parents are upset that their football team will be staying home because of forfeits because of an ineligible player while independence, which also had ineligible players, will be playing for the state Class A-AA championship on Saturday against New Bern.

The difference is there is a penalty if school personnel make an error in paperwork but not if the family of a student falsifies documents, as was determined in the case at Independence.

"Everybody is frustrated about the situation in general," said Nora Carr, chief communications officer for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. "But what parents at South Mecklenburg have to understand is what impacted them is a different rule. It looks the same, but it is different. It boils down to who makes the error."

► We've got the high school football scene covered at [preps.usatoday.com](http://preps.usatoday.com), including nationwide scores, schedules and standings and Prep Rally blog where you can

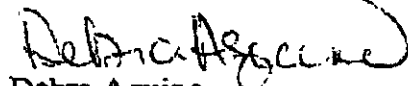


**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Southern Pennyri**  
Serving Children in Christian, Calloway, Todd & Trigg Counties

**Donation Receipt**

Big Brothers Big Sisters received a charitable donation of \$2,875 from WKDZ for the 2008 Bowl For Kids Sake fund raiser. We appreciate your support for Bowl for Kids' Sake 2008. With your donation, you are helping us to "Make a Difference, One Child at a Time."

Thank you,

  
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Dear Amy,  
Thanks so  
much for the  
coverage you  
gave at our  
kick-off last  
week.

It's great  
to have your  
support during  
this time.

Sincerely,  
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Hello..... Thanks to WKDZ for your commitment to our community churches. We appreciate your role in helping get the word out about what's going on locally.

The Cadiz United Methodist Church will host a FISH FRY on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm till 7. The event will be held in the FELLOWSHIP HALL of the CADIZ UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 214 MAIN STREET, across from the schools, right in the heart of Cadiz. Menu includes:

Farm Raised Catfish, Hush Puppies, White Beans, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Drink and Dessert. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 & under. Children 2 & under eat free.

The entire community is invited to come enjoy a good meal and great fellowship in a family atmosphere.

2/19/2008